

Agricultural Issues Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The ability to research and effectively discuss agricultural topics is essential in today's world of ever-changing technological development. FFA activities are an integral part of the instruction program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Agricultural Issues Career Development Event challenges students to utilize organizational and presentation skills in creating a portfolio and delivering the pros and cons of an agricultural issue from a grassroots start.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Agricultural Issues Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy, Social Studies, and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Some examples of how the Agricultural Issues Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will utilize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to each art form in the creation, performance, and presentation of dance, music, theater, and visual art.

- Through the Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event, students utilize skills to each art form as they create and perform their presentation. [1.2 Visual and Performing Arts: Creation and Performance]

All students will write in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Students develop skills in writing by developing the presentation and portfolio for the Agricultural Issues Career Development Event. [3.2 Language Arts Literacy: Writing]

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Students develop skills in speaking by delivering the presentation for the Agricultural Issues Career Development Event. [3.3 Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]

All students will know, understand, and appreciate the values and principles of American democracy and the rights, responsibilities, and roles of a citizen in the nation and the world.

- Through the Agricultural Issues Career Development Event, students understand and appreciate the values of democracy by researching various agricultural issues. [6.2 Social Studies: Civics]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of three (3) phases: Phase I – Presentation (5 minute setup, 15 minute presentation, 3 minute take down); Phase II – Questions from panel of judges (7 minutes); Phase III – Portfolio (10 Copies due with State FFA Convention Registration). A chapter may have a team of three (3) to seven (7) members. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

Phase I – Presentation – 100 points

Phase II – Questions – 25 points

Phase III – Portfolio – 25 points

Team Total – 150 points

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